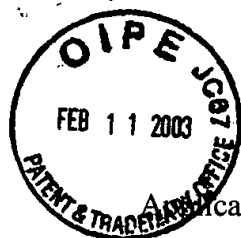


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, applicants have filed, herewith, a Request for a Continued Examination (RCE) application. Additionally, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry of record in the RCE application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for forming multi-depth apertures in a

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